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The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq

FAQ – Council of Representatives Elections

What are the elections in December for?

They will be held in order to elect the Council of Representatives of Iraq.

Under the new constitution of Iraq federal legislative power will rest with the Council of Representatives. The Council of Representatives is composed of 275 members, whose members shall be elected by a direct secret ballot to a four year term. In accordance with Article 61(D) of the Transitional Administrative Law, elections for the Council of Representatives shall be held on 15 December 2005.

How are the seats of the Council of Representatives distributed?

Of the 275 seats in the Council, 230 are apportioned to the 18 governorates based on the numbers of persons registered to vote on the IECI voter registry in each governorate for the 30 January 2005 elections.

The remaining 45 seats are compensatory and national seats.

Political entities will win seats in a governorate in proportion to the share of votes they receive in the election in that governorate.

And what about the remaining 45 seats?

The other 45 seats are allocated in 2 phases: Firstly, political entities that did not win seats at governorate level but obtained a certain national average of votes will be allocated "compensatory seats". Secondly, any remaining seats ("national seats") will then be allocated to those political entities which won governorate level seats, based on the proportion that they received of the total valid votes nationwide.

How many of the 230 seats are apportioned to each governorate?

The seats are apportioned as follows:

Anbar: 9;	Babil:11	Baghdad: 59
Basrah: 16	Diyala: 10	Dohuk: 7
Erbil: 13	Karbala: 6	Missan: 7
Muthana: 5	Najaf: 8	Ninewa: 19
Qadissiyah: 8	Salahaddin: 8	Sulaymaniyah: 15
Kirkuk: 9	Theqar: 12	Wassit: 8

How many political entities are participating in this election?

There are 307 political entities registered with the IECI for the upcoming elections. There are 19 coalitions registered with the IECI. Some political entities will participate as part of a coalition in some governorates, and as an individual political entity in other governorates. However, in order to participate in the election in a governorate, a coalition or political entity must have submitted a candidate list to the IECI for that governorate.

How will I know which candidates belong to which political entity?

The IECI will produce the candidate lists for each governorate, which will be made available at all IECI offices nationwide. The IECI will also publicize these lists.

When will the Council of Representatives be installed?

According to the TAL, the Council should assume office no later than 31 December 2005.